

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION – DETROIT**

IN THE MATTER OF

JEROME HILL

DEBTOR(S)

CHAPTER 13

CASE NO: 22-41389

JUDGE: THOMAS J. TUCKER

**TRUSTEE’S RESPONSE TO MOTION TO WAIVE APPEARANCE OF DEBTOR
FROM TESTIFYING AT THE FIRST MEETING OF CREDITORS**

NOW COMES, the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Tammy L. Terry, and objects to Debtor’s Motion to Excuse Debtor from appearing at the §341 Meeting of Creditors and Allowing Debtor’s Spouse to appear in his place; and states as follows:

1. The debtors filed the current Chapter 13 case on February 25, 2021. The First Meeting of Creditors is currently scheduled for April 12, 2022.
2. The debtor has filed a Motion to excuse his appearance from the First Meeting of Creditors stating that he is unable to appear due to being incarcerated. The Motion further states that his Spouse has Power of Attorney over his affairs and can answer all questions regarding the debtor’s financial affairs.
3. The Trustee objects to the Debtors motion as the Debtor has not provided any documentation supporting he is incarcerated at this time.
4. The Trustee further objects and request that the Debtor’s Spouse file an Affidavit with this Court testifying that she has full knowledge of all the Debtor’s financial affairs, assets and liabilities.
5. Furthermore, the Trustee will not be able to verify the identity or Social Security number of a Debtor who is not present at the hearing.
6. The Trustee further objects to Debtor’s motion as the §341 Meetings are held telephonically and the Debtor has not provided any reason explaining why he cannot be available telephonically on the day of the hearing.

WHEREFORE, for all the above stated reasons, the Chapter 13 Standing Trustee prays this Honorable Court deny the relief requested.

OFFICE OF THE STANDING CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE-DETROIT

Tammy L. Terry, Chapter 13 Standing Trustee

March 1, 2022

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that on March 2, 2022 a copy of **TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO MOTION TO EXCUSE DEBTOR APPEARANCE AT THE 341 MEETING OF CREDITORS** was electronically filed with the Clerk of the Court, served via Electronic Court Filing and/or a copy of same was deposited in the U.S. Mail to debtor's(s)' attorney (if any) or the debtor(s), if unrepresented, at the address as it appears below.

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